

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 13, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at approximately 9:08 am in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present

Newsha Ajami
William Kissinger
James McGrath
Vice-Chair Terry Young
Chair John Muller

Board Members Absent

Margaret Abe-Koga

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Board staff Introductions:

- A.L. Riley introduced new AmeriCorps volunteers, Conner McIntee and Willis Logsdon
- Christine Boschen introduced new Staff Services Analyst, Rita Chow
- Anna Torres introduced new Scientific Aide, Marcos Delacruz

Tam M. Doduc, State Water Board Member and liaison to the San Francisco Bay Region, addressed the Board. She discussed the Governor's release of the draft Water Action Plan, the State Board's recent scoping sessions on a groundwater strategy, and work on environmental justice issues.

Item 2 - Public Forum

No parties requested to speak.

Item 3 - Minutes of the October 9, 2013 Board Meeting

Board Member McGrath moved for adoption of Item 3; Board Member Ajami seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ajami, Kissinger, McGrath, Young, Muller

Nos: None

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 4 – Chairman’s, Board Members’, and Executive Officer’s Reports

Vice-Chair Young discussed her recent trip to Mongolia and the humble lifestyle there, her recent experience at the October WQCC meeting, and the recent State of the Estuary Conference (SOE). Dr. Young also discussed the Governor’s draft Water Action Plan and her meeting with Eugenia McNaughton of U.S. EPA, Region 9. Board Member Ajami discussed the October WQCC meeting and its focus on environmental justice, as well as the SOE Conference. Board Member McGrath discussed the October WQCC meeting, commenting on the diversity of Board members present and the benefits of environmental justice work on local communities. Mr. McGrath also discussed the Parks Renewal initiative in Berkeley, as well as Berkeley’s Measure M and its details.

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe gave an overview of this month’s Executive Officer’s Report and answered questions from Board Members regarding issues related to vapor intrusion and redevelopment of closed landfills.

Item 5 – Consideration of Uncontested Items

Item 5A – SFPP, L.P., an operating partnership of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., Concord Facility, Concord, Contra Costa County – Updated Site Cleanup Requirements and Rescission of Order No. 92-082

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of the uncontested item.

Board Member McGrath moved for adoption of Item 5A; Board Member Young seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ajami, Kissinger, McGrath, Young, Muller

Nos: None

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 6 – Overview of Regional Water Board Priorities – Workshop on the Board’s Programs and Their Priorities for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year

Mr. Wolfe began the discussion by noting that as far as he could recall this was the first time the Board would be considering priorities for all programs at the same time. He noted that, while one of the primary reasons for considering priorities in an open session was to allow the Board and the public an opportunity to review and discuss the priorities, it had also been a good exercise for Board staff as they now have a better understanding of their programs and associated budgets. He discussed challenges with focusing on new and evolving priorities given the Board’s budget, updating the Board’s website to better present the priorities, and addressing and responding to evolving water quality issues. Mr. Wolfe then invited each of the Water Board’s Division Chiefs to make a presentation to the Board.

Assistant Executive Officer Thomas Mumley made a presentation to the Board on behalf of Naomi Feger, Division Chief, for the Planning and TMDL Division.

Bill Johnson, Section Leader, made a presentation to the Board on behalf of Lila Tang, Division Chief, for the NPDES Wastewater and Enforcement Division.

Shin-Roei Lee, Division Chief, made a presentation to the Board for the Watershed Management Division.

Stephen Hill, Division Chief, made a presentation to the Board for the Toxics Cleanup Division.

Terry Seward, Division Chief, made a presentation to the Board for the Groundwater Protection and Waste Containment Division.

Board Members responded to each of the presentations. Mr. Wolfe made some closing remarks, including saying that staff will regularly report back to the Board on progress in addressing priorities.

This item was for discussion purposes only and no action was taken.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The Board reconvened as a subcommittee of the Board at 1:09 pm.

Item 11 – Trash Load Reduction Requirements of the Regional Municipal Stormwater Permit - Workshop to Discuss Implementation of the Trash Load Reduction Requirements

Vice-Chair Young reviewed the permit requirements for trash reductions and the purpose of the workshop. Board Member McGrath discussed his experience with trash and the recent SOE workshops on ecological impacts of trash.

Dr. Mumley made a presentation to the Board, discussing permit requirements, the need to focus on the highest trash generation areas, and the status of trash load reductions.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership staff Janet Cox made a presentation to the Board on the Bay Area Trash Capture Demonstration Project.

The following interested parties addressed the Board:

1. Stephen Knight, Save the Bay
2. Mariam Gordon, Clean Water Action
3. Ian Wren, Staff Scientist, San Francisco Baykeeper
4. Claudia Negrete, managing partner for Pearl River Restaurant, on behalf of Steve Chiu.
5. Steve Stein, Principal of ER Planning
6. Paul Singarella, Latham and Watkins, representing Dart Container Corporation
7. Chandler Hadraba, Western Plastics Association Board Member
8. Mark Grey, representing Dart Container Corporation
9. Chris Sommers, EOA, Chair of the BASMAA Trash Committee
10. Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager, City of Sunnyvale
11. Lynne Scarpa, Environmental Manager, City of Richmond Storm Water Program
12. Kirsten Struve, Environmental Control Program Manager, City of Palo Alto
13. Lesley Estes, Watershed and Stormwater Manager, City of Oakland
14. Rinta Perkins, Clean Water Program Manager, City of Walnut Creek
15. Napp Fukuda, Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department, City of San Jose

16. Craig Johns, Partnership for Sound Science in Environmental Policy

Board Member Kissinger left at 2:35 pm, and Board members Young and Ajami left at 4:20 pm.

After all interested parties spoke, Chair Muller indicated that the workshop would be continued to the December Board Meeting to allow all Board members to ask questions of the parties and to make comments. The Board subcommittee adjourned at 4:45 pm.